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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SHUTDOWN OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS:
HURRICANE HANNA APPROACHES SOUTH CAROLINA

¶1. The National Hurricane Center is currently predicting that Hurricane Hanna will make landfall near Charleston, South Carolina on Friday evening or Saturday morning. Management in GFS Charleston has convened its emergency action committee and is watching the storm track and continues to consult with the Department and local authorities.

¶2. It is likely that GFS Charleston will cease normal operations sometime on Wednesday, September 3 in anticipation of the hurricane.

¶3. For all/all posts (including/including those serviced by FSCs Bangkok or Charleston): All payroll for FSNs and Americans has been loaded and is ready for payment as normal, regardless of the possible hurricane track. However, it is prudent for posts to evaluate NOW cash available to cashier operations and voucher payments that are coming due over the next two weeks. If post has critical payments, or cashier replenishments ready to be transmitted, it would be best to send those immediately so they may be paid before the possible operations shutdown on Wednesday.

¶4. GFS Charleston has a tested continuity of operations plan which calls for accounting and disbursing operations to be moved to the Washington area in the event of a total closure of GFS Charleston.

¶5. We will continue to provide further information on Hurricane Hanna,s effect on normal GFS operations as it becomes available.

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